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Artillery Unit in Sokolov.

1. An artillery regiment [] was located in low wooden buildings of the Vitkov Barracks in Sokolov (N 51/P 52) until 7 March 1952. The regiment consisted of nine batteries each with four 76-mm guns. The 4th Btry had a strength of about 50 soldiers. The headquarters of the unit was located in the town. (1)

Labor Battalion 154 in the Area of Lazne Kynzvalt.

2. The 154th Labor Bn which had a strength of about 180 men including between 50 and 60 men who were quartered in the barracks installation in Lazne Kynzvalt was stationed in the area of Lazne Kynzvalt (N 51/P 56) until 15 February 1952. Most of the personnel worked at the Cysarsky Les troop training grounds. The commanding officer of the battalion was Lieutenant Colonel Daus (fnu); the commander of the barracks installation was Staff Captain Marcinko (fnu). The battalion comprised 1 guard platoon, 1 repair shop platoon, 1 horse-drawn platoon and 1 motor transport platoon. The armament consisted of rifles. (2)

The 12th and 13th Arty Regts in Plzen.

3. The 12th Arty Regt was stationed in the Na Slovanech Barracks on the south-east edge of Plzen (N 50/L 04) until 20 September 1951. The commanding officer was Lieutenant Colonel Drokzer (fnu); deputy commander was Staff Captain Pospisil (fnu). The regiment consisted of nine batteries each with four 76-mm guns. The 6th Btry had a personnel of between 35 and 40 men. (3)
4. The 13th Arty Regt was stationed in the Na Dorech Barracks in the southern section of the town and north of the penitentiary until 12 April 1951. It was subordinate to a division stationed in Plzen. The regiment consisted of nine batteries each with four 76-mm guns. The 1st Btry numbered about 35 troops. (3)

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Infantry Regiment in Cheb and Chomutov.

5. An infantry regiment [] was located in the U Horni Brany Barracks in the southern section of Cheb (N 51/P 37) until February 1951. The commanding officer was Lieutenant Colonel Poupe (fnu). The total strength was estimated at about 700 soldiers. The installation also housed an NCO school which conducted instruction courses on heavy infantry weapons. Six 45-mm guns were seen there. (4) 25X1
6. In late November 1950, the entire regiment moved from Chomutov (N 51/F 02) to Cheb by rail. In Chomutov, it [] was subordinate to the 12th Inf Div stationed in Litomerice (N 51/F 53) []. The regimental commander had been and still was Lieutenant Colonel Poupe (fnu). The regiment was quartered in the Stefanik Barracks in the north section of the town, in the Masaryk Barracks on Masaryk Square and in a hutment on the northern perimeter of the town. Six 45-mm guns were once seen in the Masaryk Barracks. (4) 25X1

Comments.

- (1) The regiment is believed to be the 11th Arty Regt of the 13th Inf Div in Karlovy Vary. [] 25X1
- (2) Lazne Kynzvar is on the west edge of the Gysaraky Les troop training grounds. There also is a post headquarters to which the labor battalion is definitely subordinated.
- (3) The information confirms the 12th Arty Regt in the Na Slovanech Barracks. A report in November 1950 indicated that it had been activated in that installation. No comment is possible on its assignment, as the 2d Arty Regt which had been repeatedly confirmed is the house regiment of the 11th Inf Div in Plzen. Further information is needed to determine the occupation of the Na Borech Barracks. The 2d Arty Regt had been confirmed there in November 1950. However, infantry, air force and a heavy artillery battalion were reported there in the fall of 1951. A 13th Arty Regt has not hitherto been observed. Further information is needed to confirm the 12th and the 13th Arty Regts. There is a possibility that only components of the 2d Arty Regt may be concerned. [] 25X1
- (4) The 33d Inf [] is carried in Chomutov. The regiment [] was the 9th Inf Regt in Chomutov which was subordinate to the 12th Inf Div in Litomerice. Former soldiers of this regiment who were transferred to the 23d Inf Regt in Nyrsko in November 1949 stated that the regiment was transferred from Chomutov. In conjunction with a number of confirmed reports on the transfer from Most to Karlovy Vary of the 74th Inf Regt and an unconfirmed report on the 2d Inf Regt in the area of Marianske Lazne, there is reason for believing that the 12th Inf Div in Litomerice was either completely reorganized or deactivated.

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